USSR-Czechoslovakia: The talks in Cierna continued last night and, according to news reports, last-minute hitches in drafting a joint communique have developed.

The Czechoslovak news service reported that Brezhnev returned to the negotiating table yesterday afternoon. Earlier Western press reports had said that he had taken ill in the morning. Whatever the nature of his indisposition, it evidently was not serious.

The announcement on Austrian radio of Mrs.
Dubcek's trip to Yugoslavia will bring fear and confusion to most Czechoslovaks, who will probably conclude that the talks have been going badly. Mrs.
Dubcek's motives for leaving Czechoslovakia are not yet known, but if she has not left for safety's sake or on a thoughtless whim, she could conceivably be carrying a personal message from her husband to Yugoslav President Tito.

Czechoslovak reporting on the talks has been guardedly optimistic. Prague Radio reported yesterday that Dubcek carried on an "optimistic discussion" with residents of Cierna during the noon recess. Earlier in the day, Rude Pravo quoted presidium member Smrkovsky as saying the negotiations were taking a "promising course."

On 30 July the US Army attaché in Prague reported seeing a fully equipped Soviet force of nearly division strength traveling southwest in central Czechoslovakia. On the previous day, he had seen another convoy consisting of 3,000 to 3,500 vehicles about 25 miles away. It is not yet clear whether these forces were moving from an area within Czechoslovakia or whether they had come into the country from southern Poland.

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US military attachés in Hungary reported yesterday that three fully equipped Soviet divisions had assembled in an area near the Czechoslovak border.

East German and Polish reservists have been called up to take part in the Warsaw Pact rear services exercises, according to a Moscow Radio announcement yesterday. Soviet reservists allegedly were called up at the beginning of the exercise last week.

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